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Presentation

Questions of Duplications

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- 1 Q: Isn't there an element of duplication involved in the work done by the Joint Press Reading Service in Moscow and that done by FDB?

A: No, the JPRS extracts the Moscow dailies only, and its extracts are primarily of a political, propaganda and international relations character. FDB extracts the provincial papers only, at this time, and its extracts are primarily industrial and economic. Thus, a careful program is being followed to avoid duplication in this sphere.
- 2 Q: It would seem that FDB is duplicating the extracts of the Chinese Press made by representatives of the State Dept in China.

A: No, the State Dept extracts made in China are received by FDB with the newspapers and are closely scanned to determine which points have been already extracted. FDB then, following the request of State Dept Intelligence, extracts items of strategic and basic intelligence value that have not already been extracted.
- 3 Q: What about extracts of the Finnish Press?

A: Same as for No. 2.
- 4 Q: Isn't there some duplication in the abstracting of Russian scientific articles between FDB and the Atomic Energy Commission?

A: No, an agreement has been reached with the AEC to avoid duplication in this sphere. FDB will prepare bibliographies and abstracts of such articles, and the AEC will use its linguists to translate such articles as are of interest. Close coordination in the field of translation will be maintained.
- 5 Q: Is there not some duplication in the technical abstracts prepared by ONI and those prepared by FDB?

A: No, by agreement ONI forwards all of its Russian scientific and technical material to FDB for abstracting.
- 6 Q: It sounds to me like there is duplication in the industrial cards produced by the Foreign Industrial Register in OGD and those industrial cards produced by FDB.

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A: No, FDB extracts the raw information onto card form and forwards this to the FIR where it is reproduced for the Industrial Card file.

7 Q: Well then, it would seem the FDB is duplicating all the other sources from which FIR receives information.

A: No, Industrial Card Information extracted by FDB is taken from captured German and Japanese documents primarily. The exploiting of these is by agreement a common service being rendered to the IAC.

9 Q: Isn't there a great amount of similar work done by ATI at Wright Field and FDB?

A: No, ATI, Wright Field, processes what is only of interest to Air Technical. FDB does hardly any work in this field except when requested by A-2 and only after a close check has been made with Wright Field.

9 Q: Well then, what about FDB's extracting of Russian air technical journals?

A: To our knowledge, Wright Field is not doing this. They receive FDB abstracts and make use of them.

10 Q: When FDB gets a request to translate something, how does it know that that article has not been translated by one of the other IAC Agencies?

A: FDB maintains close working liaison with the translating sections in the IAC so as to insure that while a translation is in process in one of the other agencies FDB will not undertake the same work.

11 Q: What about the translating and extracting the researchers do?

A: If a researcher translates or extracts a publication, and, because of a lack of facilities or because of some project he is working on, a copy is not forwarded to CIA, then obviously CIA--FDB is not in a position to avoid doing, possibly, the same work; however, in practice, this is generally not the case; for the researchers in the fields which FDB is endeavoring to cover are aware of FDB's work and tend to check with FDB first to determine if a translation has been done.

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